

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2003

Benefit payments	<u>December 2003</u>	<u>December 2002</u>
Total	\$734,696,000	\$726,332,000
Retired employees	469,281,000	460,045,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	88,276,000	87,915,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,822,000	157,214,000
Other survivors	21,317,000	21,158,000

**Regular Retirement
and Survivor Benefits**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2003	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	624,300	.....	2,200	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, tota	292,100	\$1,625	900	\$2,289	.....	.....
Age	209,300	1,587	² 300	² 2,672	\$922	³ \$1,272
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	36,000	1,451	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	46,800	1,929	400	2,286	862	947
Spouses and divorced spouses	146,100	610	600	744	450	350
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	157,500	997	500	1,330	873	757
Widowed mothers and fathers	1,100	1,297	<u>4</u>	668	664	679
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	15,000	663	100	692	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	12,500	762	<u>4</u>	958	603	636
Other survivors	100	664	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>December 2003</u>	<u>December 2002</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,113,000	\$5,558,000	128,600	\$42	400	\$41

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated. Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

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December 2003**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	4,600	\$473	\$272
Sickness	7,300	491	273
		Benefit payments	
		December 2003	December 2002
Total		\$10,039,000	\$9,776,000
Unemployment		4,376,000	5,143,000
Sickness		5,663,000	4,633,000

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